

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3232 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3232 would require Tarrant County tax assessor-collectors to implement a costly system whereby fines written by City of Fort Worth officials for health and safety violations could be specifically listed on annual property tax bills sent to landowners. Current law provides adequate means for all Texas cities to enforce the collection of fines associated with violations of health and safety ordinances. In addition, the bill does not address the effect unpaid health and safety fines have on the status of title of the underlying property. Moreover, the bill does not adequately address issues concerning how fines would be paid by people who choose to escrow their property taxes and insurance with third parties.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State